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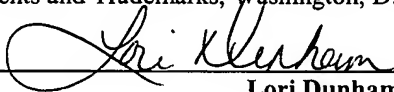
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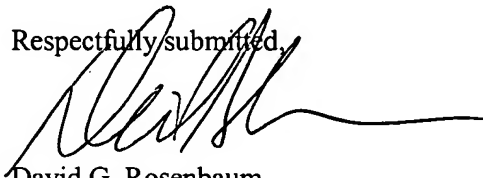
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	AE1	5,725,573	3/10/98	Dearnaley, et al.	623/2	427/2.25
	AF1	5,605,714	2/25/97	Dearnaley, et al.	427/2.24	427/2.25
	AG1	4,846,834	7/11/89	von Recum, et al.	623/11	623/66
	AH1	5,984,905	11/16/99	Dearnaley, et al.	604/265	427/2.24
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AT1 "Reactions of Biological Cells to Nanostructures", by Curtis, et al., AVS 46th International Symposium, Paper BI-WeM2 (October 27, 1999)

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AS5 "Adhesion of Bovine Serum Albumin on Coated DLC (Diamond-Like) and Uncoated (SiO₂ / TiO₂) Sensor Chips", <http://www.phytis.com/stent4.htm>, pp. 1-2

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	AC6	5,776,161	7/7/98	Globerman	606/194	606/192
	AD6	5,593,442	1/14/97	Klein	623/12	623/1
	AE6	5,569,295	10/29/96	Lam	606/198	606/195
	AF6	5,514,154	5/7/96	Lau, et al.	606/195	606/194
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	AC7	5,603,721	2/18/97	Lau, et al.	606/195	606/194
	AD7	6,059,808	5/9/00	Boussignac	606/191	606/194
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AT7 "PHYTIS L.D.A. Home Page information", <http://www.phytis.com/content/htm>, pp. 1-15

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	AD8	6,096,175	8/1/00	Roth	204/192	204/192.14
	AE8	5,907,893	6/1/99	Zadno-Azizi	29/6.1	29/412
	AF8	6,019,784	2/1/00	Hines	623/1	600/36
	AG8	5,545,210	8/13/98	Hess, et al.	623/1	623/11
	AH8	5,628,788	5/13/97	Pinchuk	623/1	623/12
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	AC10	6,042,605	03/28/00	Martin et al.	623/001	
	AD10	6,103,320	08/15/00	Matsumoto et al.	427/535	
	AE10	6,113,750	09/5/00	Shinmura et al.	204/192.15	
	AF10	6,120,536	09/19/00	Ding et al.	623/011.43	
	AH10	6,120,847	09/19/00	Yang et al.	427/335	
	AI10	6,124,523	09/26/00	Banas et al.	623/011	
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AS10 "Thin Film Shape Memory Alloy Microactuators" by TiNi Alloy Company (online)

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	AB11	6,190,404	2/20/01	Palmaz et al.	623	001.15
	AC11	6,202,304	3/20/01	Shatz	029	896.6
	AD11	6,207,536	3/27/01	Matsumoto et al.	438	478
	AE11	2001/0000188	4/5/01	Lenker et al.		
	AF11	6,245,104	6/12/01	Alt	623	001.46
	AG11	6,264,687	7/24/01	Tomonto	623	001.16
	AH11	6,274,014	8/14/01	Matsumoto et al.	204	298.11
	AI11	6,280,467	8/28/01	Leonhardt	623	001.16
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	AC12	6,287,628	9/11/01	Hossainy et al.	427/002.3	
	AD12	2001/0021870	9/13/01	Edwin et al.		
	AE12	6,290,720	9/18/01	Khosravi et al.	623/001.13	
	AF12	6,290,721	9/18/01	Heath	623/001.15	
	AG12	6,293,967	9/25/01	Shanley	623/001.15	
	AH12	2001/0025131	9/27/01	Edwin et al.		
	AI12	6,299,604	10/9/01	Ragheb et al.	604/265	
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	AC13	6,315,794	11/13/01	Richter	623/001.34	
	AD13	6,331,191	12/18/01	Chobotov	623/001.44	
	AE13	2002/0013616	1/31/02	Carter et al.		
	AF13	5,455,100	10/3/95	White	428	131
	AG13	4,657,544	4/14/87	Pinchuk	623	1
	AH13	4,073,999	2/14/78	Bryan, et al.	428	311
	AI13	5,207,709	5/4/93	Picha	623	11
	AJ13	6,240,616	6/5/01	Yan	29	527.2
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	AB14	2001/0011158	8/2/01	Howland	600	585
	AC14	2001/0037146	11/1/01	Lau, et al.	623	1.16
	AD14	2001/0047201	11/29/01	Cox, et al.	623	1.16
	AE14	2001/0047200	11/29/01	White, et al.	623	1.15
	AF14	2001/0021570	9/13/01	Lin, et al.	438	455
	AG14	6,312,456	11/6/01	Krantz, et al.	623	1.13
	AH14	6,016,693	1/25/00	Viani, et al.	73	105
	AI14	6,331,190	12/18/01	Shokoohi, et al.	623	1.22
	AJ14	6,348,066	2/19/02	Pinchuk, et al.	623	1.16
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	AB15	5,932,036	8/3/99	Fukai	148	670
	AC15	5,482,574	1/9/96	Goldstein	148	517
	AD15	5,508,116	4/16/96	Barrett	428	567
	AE15	5,578,149	11/26/96	DeScheerder	148	563
	AF15	5,597,378	1/28/97	Jervis	606	78
	AG15	5,597,458	1/18/97	Sanchez, Jr.	204	192.3
	AH15	5,624,508	4/29/97	Flomenblit, et al.	148	510
	AI15	5,635,144	6/3/97	Akluft	422	186.05
	AJ15	6,284,316	9/4/01	Sandhu, et al.	427	255.391
	AK15	6,287,430	9/11/01	Matsumoto, et al.	204	192.26

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	AB16	5,190,546	3/2/93	Jervis	606	78
	AC16	5,358,615	10/25/94	Grant, et al.	204	192.15
	AD16	6,248,401	6/19/01	Chiang, et al.	427	255.7
	AE16	6,253,441	7/3/01	Wheat, et al.	29	527.2
	AF16	2001/0003146	6/7/01	Jalisi, et al.	600	585
	AG16	6,238,491	5/29/01	Davidson, et al.	148	237
	AH16	2001/0055654	12/27/01	Halpern	427	600
	AI16	2001/0055647	12/27/01	Tamura, et al.	427	177
	AJ16	6,306,276	10/23/01	Nobe, et al.	205	238
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	AB17	6,293,966	9/25/01	Frantzen	623	1.15
	AC17	6,231,923	5/15/01	Teverovsky, et al.	427	248.1
	AD17	6,217,952	4/17/01	Sugiyama, et al.	427	577
	AE17	6,203,505	3/20/01	Jalisi, et al.	600	585
	AF17	2001/0000043	3/15/01	Israel, et al.	606	198
	AG17	6,194,088	2/27/01	Yoshida, et al.	428	660
	AH17	6,190,407	2/20/01	Ogle, et al.	623	1.51
	AI17	6,173,672	1/19/01	Shapard, Jr.	118	723
	AJ17	6,156,373	12/5/00	Zhong, et al.	427	2028
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	AB18	6,149,742	11/21/00	Carpenter, et al.	148	563
	AC18	6,261,320	7/17/01	Tam, et al.	623	1.15
	AD18	6,264,595	7/24/01	Defino, et al.	600	1
	AE18	2001/0009169	7/26/01	Kajiware, et al.	148	563
	AF18	2001/0009220	7/26/01	Mizuno, et al.	427	569
	AG18	6,267,782	7/31/01	Ogle, et al.	623	1.1
	AH18	6,267,867	7/31/01	Olson	205	640
	AI18	6,258,417	7/10/01	Goswami, et al.	427	452
	AJ18	6,258,182	7/10/01	Schetky, et al.	148	402
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AS18 "The Characteristics of NiTi HCD-Deposited SMA Films" by H. Weixin, et al., Proceedings of the Second International Conference on Shape Memory and Superelastic Technologies Asilomar Conference Center, Pacific Grove, California, USA, pp. 167-172 (1997)

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	AA19	6,264,598	7/24/01	Armini	600	3
	AB19	6,113,705	9/5/00	Ohashi, et al.	118	730
	AC19	6,136,159	10/24/00	Buckfeller, et al.	204	192.13
	AD19	6,126,761	10/3/00	DeHaven, et al.	148	518
	AE19	6,120,536	9/19/00	Ding, et al.	623	1.43
	AF19	6,113,982	9/5/00	Claar, et al.	427	248.1
	AG19	5,843,120	12/1/98	Israel, et al.	606	198
	AH19	5,853,419	12/29/98	Imran	606	191
	AI19	2002/0042649	4/11/02	Schaldach, et al.	623	1.15
	AJ19	6,309,414	10/30/01	Rolando, et al.	623	1.15
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	AB20	6,334,868	1/1/02	Ham	623	1.13
	AC20	6,387,122	5/14/02	Cragg	623	1.16
	AD20	6,383,214	5/7/02	Banas, et al.	623	1.14
	AE20	6,346,119	2/12/02	Kuwahara, et al.	623	1.13
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